

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/658,043

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John Ricci

Art Unit

3712

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment of 4/16/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 41,43-49 and 51-56.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose an interactive wireless device including an optical receiver having means for receiving a first digitally encoded optical signal from a complementary wireless device; a transducer for generating an electrical digital logic signal corresponding to the received optical signal; a decoder for decoding the digital logic signal to generate control signal; an output unit for generating a response according to the control signal; a memory for storing data for a motivational signal to be transmitted to the complementary device; a transducer for generating a second digitally encoded optical signal corresponding to a motivational signal; and means for communication of the second optical signal to the complementary device.

Yoshino 5,587,823 shows a set of two toys which each include an optical transmitter/receiver unit, and a memory which stores data which a user can manually select to send to the other unit. But this reference does not disclose "means adapted for receiving a first digitally encoded optical signal ...", "means for generating an electrical

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digital logic signal corresponding to an optical signal
...", and "means adapted for decoding the digital logic
signal to generate at least one control signal".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be
submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and,
to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the
issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled
"Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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